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(U) Los Angeles – Two Gang Members Plead Guilty to Boyle Heights Firebombings

(U) Two gang members pleaded guilty yesterday to federal civil rights and racketeering violations for firebombing the homes of black residents in Boyle Heights four years ago in an effort to drive them out of the defendants' Latino gang territory. Josue "Malo" Garibay, 25, and Jose "Lil' Moe" Saucedo, 24, on 12 May 2014, and members of the Big Hazard street gang, prepared Molotov cocktails, smashed the windows of four apartments and threw the lighted firebombs into the units, according to court papers. Hernandez – who faces trial in July – explained that the order for the racially motivated attack had come from the Mexican Mafia, a prison gang that controls the majority of Latino gangs in Southern California, prosecutors allege.

SOURCE: 31 May 2018, [The San Diego-Union Tribune](#)

(U) Monterey – Tons of Poppies Destroyed in California's Biggest Opium Bust

(U) Northern California officials say they destroyed 17 tons of poppy plants in what they're calling the largest opium seizure in the state's history. Monterey Sheriff's deputies raided seven locations last week where the poppies were growing and being processed into opium, an active ingredient in heroin and other narcotics. An eighth location was raided earlier in the month. Monterey County Sheriff Commander John Thornburg said the seizure and destruction of the plants is the largest opium raid in state history. He said no arrests have been made and the investigation continues. Thornburg said all the sites are on private property and investigators have been in contact with the owners. Thornburg said investigators consulted a botanist to help identify the colorful flowers as illegal poppies.

SOURCE: 31 May 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Otay Mesa – Girl Escapes Kidnap Attempt In Otay Mesa

(U) A motorist pulled up alongside a 13-year-old girl on 29 May as she was walking home from school on an Otay Mesa roadside, grabbed her by the arm and made a failed attempt to pull her into his van. The kidnapping attempt occurred in the 700 block of Picador Boulevard about 5:15 p.m., according to San Diego police. The victim was able to break away from the man and run to safety, San Diego Police Department Officer John Buttle said. The would-be abductor, who was driving a black Mercedes-Benz van, was described as a white man in his 50s or early 60s with a full beard and a raspy voice. He was wearing gray pants, a grayish-green polo shirt and glasses, police said.

SOURCE: 31 May 2018, [Patch](#)

(U) Oxnard – City Officials Investigate Data Breach

(U) Oxnard city officials learned of a data breach last week that may have affected the personal data of utility customers in the city. The city was contacted by a bank representative about fraudulent purchases being made with the cards people used to pay their utility bills using the city's Click2Gov (Superion) online payment system. The issue was reported to law enforcement and the software vendor, which used a third-party forensic firm to conduct an investigation. The vendor later told the city a vulnerability in the software allowed an unauthorized person to access the computer used to process

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the credit card transactions. After two rounds of security patches, the city notified customers of the potential breach.

SOURCE: 31 May 2018, [VC Star](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Mexico – South Bay Area Murder Suspect Arrested in Mexico**

(U) Tijuana — A San Jose man was arrested on 28 May in Tijuana, Mexico, on suspicion of the murder of another San Jose man in 2016, according to police. Joseph Duran, 25, was taken into custody by Mexican authorities with help from US Marshals in San Diego, police said. He has since been extradited back to the US. According to Santa Clara County jail records, he is currently in Santa Clara County Jail without bail and was arraigned yesterday. Duran is one of six people accused of being involved in the murder of Cesar Ponce Sanchez on 18 Dec. 2016. Officers responded that day around 11:50 p.m. to the Mobil gas station at 1465 S. Winchester Blvd.

SOURCE: 31 May 2018, [Patch](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) North Dakota – 100 Pounds of Marijuana Seized During Traffic Stop**

(U) West Fargo — A California man is now in jail after authorities found 100 pounds of marijuana in his vehicle. Troopers were making a routine traffic stop on I94 near West Fargo and requested a K9 unit to do a search. A K9 unit from the West Fargo Police Department indicated the presence of drugs and a probable cause search found 100 pounds of marijuana in the vehicle. The driver, 33-year-old Steven Shipe of Eureka, California, was arrested and taken to Cass County Jail.

SOURCE: 31 May 2018, [ABC](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Malaysia – Student, Housewife among 15 Terror Suspects Held in Malaysia for Planning Attacks**

(U) Kuala Lumpur — 15 people were arrested in the latest series of terror swoops. They were conducted between 27 March and 9 May in five states - Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Johor, Kelantan and Sabah. They had plans to launch attacks on non-Muslims by using a car to run over them at polling centers during the 14th general elections," said national police Mohamad Fuzi Harun in a statement. Last year, a Singaporean housewife who planned to join ISIS was detained without trial under the city-state's tough security laws.

SOURCE: 31 May 2018, [Reuters](#)

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